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# Far West Dahlia Gardens

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## CLASSIFICATION

Cactus (C.)—Incurved Cactus (I. C.)

Straight Cactus (St. C.)—Semi-Cactus (S. C.)

Informal Decorative (I. D.)—Formal Decorative (F. D.)

**AMERICA'S SWEETHEART (I. D.)**—A giant, with pure clear yellow blooms of great depth, held nearly on top of absolutely stiff stems. Can be grown to 12 inches and more and has won as the "largest flower in the show"-----50c

**AMELIA EARHART (S. C.)**—Very large, beautiful Dahlia of apricot buff with salmon shadings-----50c

**ANNA MAY WONG (I. D.)**—This is a huge flower. Bright spectrum red with a light reverse. Flowers well above the foliage on strong, stiff stems, with good, heavy insect-resistant foliage-----50c

**AZURA (I. D.)—Ballay.** Rose lilac with a bluish sheen of extra large size that can compete in the "largest" bloom class. We had many blooms over a foot in diameter on exceptionally strong stems. The bush is quite tall and a sight to see with four or more large blooms at one time. A general favorite and a fine root maker-----50c

**ARDELA LLOYD (I. D.)**—Best described as the yellow Jane Cowl, with all the good qualities of that grand dahlia-----50c

**ALEX CRAIG (S. C.)**—Pink with cream center. A fine dahlia-----\$1.00

**BAERNE (S. C.)—Foreign.** This beautiful variety is a winner. Color old pink with a soft deep salmon glow, a pure Semi-Cactus Dahlia with excellent stems, free flowering well above the foliage. Variety for exhibitions-----50c

**BALLEGO'S SURPRISE (S. C.)—Holland.** This variety has been much sought after ever since its introduction a few years ago. The color is pure white and shaped like Frau O Bracht, of which it is a seedling. The blooms are freely produced and keep well-----75c

**BEAUTE (C)**—This beautiful new dahlia from Holland is one of our favorites. Rich crystal yellow. Petals incurve slightly at the tips giving the appearance of 8-inch balls of pale gold. Low branching habit permits a 30-inch stem. Perfectly stiff. Many blooms at a time and light colored lacy foliage. Truly a wonderful cactus dahlia-----\$1.50

**CHARLES L. MASTICK (F. D.)**—Winner of American Home Achievement medal. Featured on two Honor Rolls, has all the good qualities, strong stem, large size, free bloomer, a good root grower and of beautiful and unusual color. A bright orange deepening to darker in center, reverse grenadine pink which suffuses and brightens the flower, and its form is perfect. A good dahlia-----75c

**CALIFORNIA IDOL (I. D.)**—This giant, self-colored yellow ranks in size and finish with the largest and best Dahlias introduced to date. It is truly a monster, producing blooms up to fourteen inches in width, and of great depth. A refined Dahlia of great merit. Prolific bloomer-----50c

**CORNELL (I. D.)**—A bi-color of garnet and white. A beautiful flower on good strong stems, with insect resisting foliage, very attractive in the garden. Stock limited-----\$1.00

**CHAMBERLAIN (S. C.)**—The color is most delicate, the combination of deep salmon with soft rose shadings changing into violet. Long stiff stems-----\$1.00

**CORALLINA (S. C.)**—An unusually striking dahlia of stone red and gold. The petals curl and twist in an attractive manner. Very good stems-----50c

**CORNELIA BRYCE PINCHOT (I. D.)**—Extra large flowers of deep burgundy, one of the richest colors in the garden. The massive blooms are held facing on strong stems-----50c

**COUNTESS LEGER (Cac.)**—A flower of striking appearance. Blooms are cutflower size and lacy. The bushes are a mass of blooms all season, color from a yellow blending to orange, a medium size bush-----50c

**DACEY SAINSBURY (F. D.)**—One of the finest whites we ever grew. This Dahlia came from Australia. The immense blooms are erect on cane-like stems, facing sideways. Truly a beautiful dahlia-----\$1.00

**"FAR WEST"**—A formal decorative with large flowers, having its petals fold back to the stem, giving it quite a compact appearance. The petals are of very good substance and the blooms will last for days when cut. The flowers are a true pink and sets facing on a long, stiff stem, with dark green foliage. Bushes are medium in height and not compact. A very good root producer and roots keep well. Scored 83E at East Lansing Trial Gardens. Roots-----\$1.50

**FRANZ BERGER (S. C.)**—This fine dahlia from abroad comes close to being an ideal dahlia in every respect. Long strong stems hold the coral red flowers facing up. A very good keeper-----50c

**FREDA GEORGE (I. D.)**—**Australia.** One of the most lovely Dahlias it has ever been our pleasure to grow. The tall bushes bear numerous large blooms of cream overlaid with helio. This variety is much in demand where it has been shown. A real winner-----\$1.00

**FOREST FIRE (I. D.)**—A striking red and yellow combination. An unusually artistic form with each petal heavily tipped rich scarlet and enhanced with lemon yellow petaloids which are lightly suffused scarlet. The bush is sturdy and strong with leathery insect-resistant foliage-----50c

**GREATER GLORY (C.)**—Bloom 11x6. One of the big ones in this class; a vigorous plant, with very long, strong stems; a beautiful rose pink flower, of very artistic formation. Winner of eleven first prizes in the leading shows. Also has an A. D. S. medal-----\$1.50

**GREY DAWN (I. D.)**—Color a silvery-grey with the outer edge of petals lavender veined. Blossoms set well on long stiff stems. A medium grower and a good keeper when cut -----75c

**INCADESCENT (I. D.)**—The color is rich rosy buff with a shading of yellow reverse light old rose. It is a seedling of Jane Cowl and scored 85 at East Lansing Trial Gardens. Large blooms on cane-like stems make this a real attraction in any up to date garden. Roots-----50c

**JANE COWL (I. D.)**—Glistening bronzy buff and gold blooms with beautiful high centered formation. The best of stem and fine heavy foliage -----35c

**JULIA IRENE (I. D.)** Tower-Parrella—One of the new pinks that is a real addition to any garden. A seedling of Kathleen Norris, but better in many ways; stems and bush with better keeping qualities. The blooms average 9 inches. We like it-----75c

<b>JERSEY'S DAINTY (C)</b> — A fine white cactus. Prolific bloomer	50c
<b>JULIA MACK (F. D.)</b> — Mandarin red with the base and tips of the petals gold. Blossoms 10 to 12 inches by 7 inches deep. A big formal decorative on a long stiff stem, with dark leathery foliage. A beautiful dahlia	\$1.50
<b>J. K. ALEXANDER, Jr., (I. D.) (Alexander)</b> — A massive flower of great depth and wonderful formation. The color is a deep scarlet with slight lines of gold on edge of petals. Robust bush	75c
<b>KATHLEEN NORRIS (I. D.)</b> — Color a true rose pink, later deepening to mellow pink. Gigantic blooms, broad petals overlapping with twisted ends. Full center, very long stem, foliage dark green and insect-proof. A good bloomer and excellent keeper	35c
<b>LORD OF AUTUMN (I. D.)</b> — Fine, clear yellow with no other shading. A prize winning beauty of great size and depth with most beautiful formation. Long, strong stems hold the big blooms well out of the foliage	75c
<b>LADY MOYRA PONSONBY (I. D.)</b> — Pure glowing yellow big blooms with pointed petals. Stem excellent	50c
<b>LEIDEN'S ELEGANCE (C.)</b> — Crimson to deep vermillion, perfectly formed. The large blooms are on long stems well set above the foliage. Free-flowering, good habits	75c
<b>MRS. ELLA WORTHEN (I. D.)</b> — A very large flower with long narrow petals which form a very beautiful flower. The huge facing on long, stiff stems with insect-resisting foliage. Truly a beautiful Dahlia	50c
<b>MILDRED POTE (F. D.)</b> — Winner Achievement Medal '37. Large, phlox-pink flower. Blooms set well on a good stem with a full center. Has nice clean foliage, a Dahlia anyone would enjoy growing. Medium size bush	\$1.00
<b>MONARCH OF THE EAST (F. D.)</b> — Color warm gold with apricot orange buff suffusion, slightly coppery red on reverse. Grand stem up to 4 ft.; holds giant flower above bush. Size, 12 to 14 in. blooms and fine for exhibition. A. R. and Certificate winner	\$1.00
<b>MISS OAKLAND (F. D.) (Sjoberg-Hook)</b> — Tall pure white of good size on long stems. Centers full during the regular season, but some open later. In all a fine white and a two-time certificate winner	50c
<b>MOTHERS DAY (F. D.)</b> — This dahlia comes to us as one of the best whites yet originated. The ten-inch blooms are of a satiny-white and held on good stems partly upwards. The petals reflex giving great depth. Stocky bushes and insect-resistant	\$3.50
<b>MRS. WM. KNUDSEN (I. D.)</b> — Pure white flowers with high center, good stems	\$1.00
<b>NANCY ROBINSON (I. D.)</b> — Exquisite true pink blooms on long slender stems. One of the finest cut flowers	50c
<b>ORIENTAL BEAUTY (S. C.)</b> — Rose pink. Stems long and strong. One of the most beautiful dahlias and very popular	75c
<b>PHYLLIS KNIGHT (Dec.)</b> — An enormous Australian novelty that was a great prize winner in 1937. The color is one of the finest in this large exhibition size salmon rose overlaid with rose pink. A dahlia that always shows a full center and is carried on very strong cane-like stems. Roots	\$1.50
<b>PALO ALTO I. D.)</b> — Tall bushes, large flowers of apricot buff held on extra long stems. One of the best	50c
<b>PLUE D'OR (Cac.)</b> — Gold and amber, with very long stems, a prolific bloomer	\$1.50
<b>PINK AMBASSADOR (Cac.)</b> — This is identical with the well known Ambassador of which it is a sport. The color is pink with a white center. A free bloomer	\$1.00
<b>PINK DAILY MAIL (I. D.)</b> — Fine lavender pink on long stems. A beautiful dahlia, blooms well	50c
<b>RITA BALLIN (F. D.)</b> — The large blooms are of a clear yellow with no shading. The stems are perfect and hold the blooms facing. A wonderful dahlia	\$2.50
<b>RUBY TAYLOR (I. D.)</b> — This deep velvety carmine is a great favorite with all who grow it. Large blooms on good stems. RUBY is good	50c

**ROYAL ROBE (I. D.)**—Rich royal purple with a light overcast on the reverse which gives the flower plenty of brightness. The plant is tall and the blooms are held erect on good stiff stems. An extra good Dahlia in all ways and you will do well to add this to your collection----- **50c**

**ROYAL PENNANT (I. D.)**—True deep purple flowers of striking beauty. 10-inch blooms on long stiff stems. Tall growing ----- **\$1.00**

**SALBACH'S WHITE (F. D.)**—Pure white. An excellent cut flower ----- **50c**

**SPOTLIGHT (I. D.)**—Color a sulphur yellow, shading lighter near the tips and nearly white on the reverse. The petals curl in a most pleasing manner. The blooms are large and held on strong stems ----- **50c**

**TOWER'S EMPIRE (I. D.)**—Immense blossoms of a clear gold with a deep amber shading at the center, on the best of stems. Blossoms can be grown to a very large diameter. A tall grower with insect resisting foliage----- **50c**

**TOWN TOPIC (F. D.)**—1940 introduction and Honor Roll dahlia. Big full blooms of purple with perfect centers and wonderful stems. For us the blooms are tipped with white about half the time. Tall growing bush, heavy tough foliage. A prolific bloomer----- **\$5.00**

**WESTERN SUN (I. D.)**—Clear golden orange, with deeper shadings at center. Ten to twelve-inch blooms on fine sturdy stems. A 1938 introduction which has made a very good showing here and in the Mid West----- **\$2.50**

**WENOKA (F. D.) (Hulin-Parella)**—Large formal of solid mauve on exceptionally long stiff stems. A wonderful keeper when cut. This variety has done well in every country, and is one that makes dahlia growing look so easy. A fine seed parent ----- **50c**

## CULTURAL DIRECTIONS FOR DAHLIAS

Dahlia do well in any good garden soil where they have at least one-half day's direct sunlight. Soil should be well cultivated previous to planting. In planting, the hole should be dug about 6 inches deep, the tuber placed in the hole horizontally, with the eye up, then the hole filled about 4 inches. Finish filling as the plant grows. The larger Dahlia should be planted 3 to 4 ft. apart; 2½ ft. apart is sufficient for the smaller varieties and pompons. In cases where extra fertilizer is required, a good dressing of barnyard manure spaded in before planting is sufficient. If commercial fertilizer is used, any good garden fertilizer worked in around the plants when they are about 6 inches high, and again just when they come into bud, and well soaked in, will suffice. Dahlia require plenty of water, but must not stand in water. When watering, be sure that the water soaks down where it is easily picked up by the roots. A good watering once every ten days or two weeks is better than a sprinkling every two or three days. By disbudding, larger blooms are secured. Dahlia should be taken up in the fall after the tops are killed by frost, and cured, and stored in a dry, cool place. A good practice is to store them in boxes of dry sawdust after they are dry.

A good planting rule is, plant Dahlia when the trees bud.

# MINIATURE DAHLIAS

Types like the larger varieties, but small blooms, not over 3½ inches across. Plants are, most of them, 2½ to 3 feet tall, except those described as tall. All are profuse blooming and wonderful for cut flowers, especially fine for table decorations. All have splendid stems.



**RITA MARIE**

**RITA MARIE (F. D.)—Meneghel.** Here is another little classic among the small ones. Rather tall bush bearing large quantities of compact blooms of a light tan shading to a deep bronze at the center. The general effect is a glistening bronze. A large basket of these attracted plenty of attention at the Western Wash. Fair. Examine the picture, see how proudly the blooms are carried. You will enjoy this little beauty, as it is a fine keeper, a good root producer and large stock permits of the price. A wonderful little flower for the florist. 50c

**AMERICAN BEAUTY (F. D.)**—Named for its color, a glowing purple wine red. Outstanding for keeping qualities. Always in demand. 50c

**CARONNE (F. D.)**—Pure waxy white, resembling a gardenia. 50c

**DAD'S OWN (F. D.)—Litz.** Light rose pink with a silvery lavender sheen. The edges and tips of the petals are finely edged white. The flower is very full with the petals curving back to the stem. Notched petals give a lacy appearance which is very attractive. Size of blooms, 3 to 3½ inches, with the bush about 4 ft. high. Won blue ribbons at the Washington Dahlia Society show in Tacoma, 1937, in amateur and open classes and at the Western Washington Fair in the amateur class. 50c

**HULIN'S CHERUB (F. D.)**—Deep pink with darker center. Centers always tight and excellent cut flower. The medium sized bush covered with bloom. Stems are plenty strong to hold the full blooms erect. New and truly fine. 75c

**IRENE (F. D.)**—Exquisite old rose. Good stems and tall bush. 35c

**LITTLE SNOW QUEEN (C.)—Holland.** This is the best miniature white cactus we have ever seen. The blooms are 3 inches across, on good strong stems, keeping well when cut. A profuse bloomer and very attractive. 50c

**ONAH (L. D.)**—A miniature Jane Cowl, golden orange. A little beauty. 35c

<b>PERSIMMON (F. D.)</b> —A deep persimmon color on good stiff stems. A profuse bloomer	50c
<b>PETER (Cac.)</b> —Deep yellow suffused and tipped red. A prolific bloomer	50c
<b>RED SEA (I. D.)</b> —Crimson. A fine Dahlia to have with Red Head	50c
<b>RENEE (Cac.)</b> —Our new little miniature for 1940. A classy little cactus of a rather pale amber to a light yellow. As the petals open the edges fold back giving it a very striking appearance. The blooms set well on a nice long stem on a medium size bush which is always full of blooms. This little miniature was shown at the Olympia and the Tacoma Dahlia Shows of 1939 and won first at both shows in its class. We like this little lady very much. Roots, net. On 1940 Honor Roll	\$1.00
<b>RED BONNET (Hulin)</b> —One of the brightest little miniatures we have ever grown. A small formal of bright cherry red that is a mass of blooms. Medium low bushes well branched	50c
<b>STARLETT (C.)</b> —Pale lemon in color, very small blooms on long stems. About 2 inches wide. A profuse bloomer and very attractive	50c
<b>TOOTS (Hulin)</b> —Another little classic of real quality. The small blooms are perfectly formed and about 2½ inches on long stiff stems. The color is bright lavender perfectly adapted to basket work and table decorations	50c
<b>WINEDROP (Dec.)</b> —A very small flower on good strong stems, an extra good bloomer. Bushes are tall and always covered with blooms which are a rich wine color. Very good	50c
<h2>COLLARETTES</h2>	
<b>BETSY MORSE (Single)</b> —Dainty little light amber about 2 inches. Wonderful stems	50c
<b>CHARITY MALONE (Single)</b> —Flame red with golden sheen and gold tips	35c
<b>DAWN (Duplex)</b> —Burnt orange, good stems	35c
<b>EVELYN (Single)</b> —White suffused lavender	35c
<b>FOX HOUND (Peony)</b> —White edged yellow. Plenty of blooms	35c
<b>ISLAY (Coll.)</b> —Red, yellow edge and collar	35c
<b>JOSEPHINE</b> —(single)—Small pink, prolific bloomer	35c
<b>THE FAWN</b> —Luminous amber, shaded rose	50c
<b>RED INDIAN (single)</b> —Indian red, brownish gold center	35c
<b>RED DOGWOOD (Single)</b> —Dark red on long stiff stems, dark foliage	50c
<b>SILVER TIPS (Single)</b> —Maroon or Mahogany, petals tipped white, yellow centers, good stems	50c
<b>SWALLOW</b> —Pure white with white collar. Attractive	50c
<b>SNOW PRINCESS (single)</b> —Large white wonderful stems	50c
<b>PURPLE BEAUTY (Anemone)</b> —Very fine pure purple, with center tipped lightly with gold	50c
<b>VIVIAN CARKEEK (Single)</b> —Attractive red and white with good stems	50c
<b>VELVETA (Peony) 1939</b> —Red maroon shading lighter at the edge of the pointed petals, looking like old red velvet. Very dark, lacy foliage. Tall bushes covered with blooms, on fine stems	50c
<b>SCHWEITZERBABY (Single)</b> —A.M. Haarlem '36. The smartest Dahlia yet known. Begonia-pink. Extra for cutting for little vases	50c
<b>SPECIAL</b> —Your selection of any five varieties of miniatures, collarettes or single Dahlias for	\$2.00
<b>Any Miniature Single or Collarette</b> marked 35c your choice, three for	\$1.00

# POMPOM DAHLIAS

Type the same as ball Dahlias, except the size should not be more than 2 inches across, and most of these we list are the best exhibition size, 1 to 1½ inches. All have strong stems and are splendid keeping cut flowers. Plants average 2½ to 3 feet tall.

<b>AMBER QUEEN</b> —Golden bronze and amber	25c
<b>ANNA VON SCHWERIN</b> —Light pink blending to white at center. Fine	50c
<b>BANTAM</b> —Orange red. One of the best	25c
<b>BRIGHTYEYES</b> —Pink, deeper center	25c
<b>BONNY</b> a really pink pom	25c
<b>DORIA</b> —A new pom from Australia, deep crimson maroon. Tiny perfectly round flowers	50c
<b>DEE DEE</b> —Bluish lavender	25c
<b>EDITH MUELLER</b> —Yellow, orange and salmon	25c
<b>GLOW</b> —Golden glow over old rose	25c
<b>HAZEL DELL</b> —Pink with rose edge	25c
<b>HONEY</b> —Yellow, suffused red	25c
<b>HELEN ANITA</b> —lavender pink, white center	25c
<b>JOE FETTE</b> —White. Long stem	25c
<b>LITTLE MARY</b> —Dark crimson	25c
<b>LITTLE JIM</b> —Dark wine red	25c
<b>LITTLE DORRITT</b> —Deep purple, small	25c
<b>LIBBIE ROHR</b> —deep purple, very good	25c
<b>MARY MUNNS</b> —Fuchsia, with orchid sheen	25c
<b>MINNIE MELLS</b> —Orchid rose, deeper center	25c
<b>ORANGE QUEEN</b> —Small, better than Aimee	25c
<b>PEGGY ANN</b> —Yellow, shaded brownish red	25c
<b>PHYLLIS</b> deep yellow tipped orange	25c
<b>ROSE GRAY</b> lavender, gray overtones	35c
<b>ROSALIE</b> cream white	25c
<b>SUMEYA</b> , rosy magenta, good	25c
<b>TAKAS YELLOW</b> deep yellow very good	25c
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